What is claimed is:

1. A data management method comprising the steps of:

displaying on a display means an icon corresponding to a data management unit with which data can be registered;

registering the data with the data management unit by carrying out a drag-and-drop operation for the data onto the icon; and

carrying out a simple output of the data registered with the data management unit to the display means by opening the icon.

2. A data management method as defined in Claim 1, wherein the data are image data and the simple output is displaying a thumbnail image or thumbnail images of the image data that have been registered with the data management unit.

3. A data management method as defined in Claim 2, further comprising the steps of:

displaying on the display means, in the case where a plurality of sets of the image data have been registered with the data management unit, an order screen for all the image data sets together with the thumbnail images thereof,;

receiving an input of the content of a print order for the image data sets; and

generating order information representing the content of the print order for the image data sets.

4. A data management apparatus comprising:

a data management unit with which data can be registered;

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a display means; and

a control means for displaying an icon corresponding to the data management unit on the display means, for registering the data with the data management unit by a drag-and-drop operation for the data onto the icon, and for carrying out a simple output of the data that have been registered with the data management unit to the display means by opening the icon.

5.   A data management apparatus as defined in Claim 4, wherein the data are image data and the simple output is displaying a thumbnail image or thumbnail images of the image data that have been registered with the data management unit.

6.   A data management apparatus as defined in Claim 5, the control means displaying on the display means, in the case where a plurality of sets of the image data have been registered with the data management unit, an order screen for all the image data sets together with the thumbnail images thereof;

receiving an input of the content of a print order for the image data sets; and

generating order information representing the content of the print order for the image data sets.

7.   A computer-readable recording medium storing a program that causes a computer to execute the procedures of:

displaying on a display means an icon corresponding to a data management unit with which data can be registered;

registering the data with the data management unit by carrying out a drag-and-drop operation for the data onto the

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icon; and

carrying out a simple output of the data registered with the data management unit to the display means by opening the icon.

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8. A computer-readable recording medium as defined in Claim 7, wherein the data are image data and the simple output is displaying a thumbnail image or thumbnail images of the image data that have been registered with the data management unit.

9. A computer-readable recording medium as defined in Claim 8, the program further comprising the procedures of:

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displaying on the display means, in the case where a plurality of sets of the image data have been registered with the data management unit, an order screen for all the image data sets together with the thumbnail images thereof,;

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receiving an input of the content of a print order for the image data sets; and

generating order information representing the content of the print order for the image data sets.